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**Patent Application**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.**

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**Sir:**

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension in the statutory period for response to the Office Action from July 15, 2008 to August 15, 2008 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite extension fee of \$120.00, and any additional fees which may be required, to Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

In response to the outstanding Final Office Action dated April 15, 2008, Applicants file herewith a Request for Continued Examination, along with this Preliminary Amendment. Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please consider the amendments and accompanying remarks.

As certified in a Certificate of Mailing included on the signature page of this document pursuant to 37 CFR §1.8, the present amendment is being mailed on August XX, 2008 and, therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this response is timely.

**Listing and Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.  
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.